



Sunday, May 2, 2021  
The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Peace Lutheran Church of Plymouth

PRELUDE

*Your River, O God*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

**Refrain**

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -  
live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it  
flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry  
time and place.

**Verse**

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the  
Come and hear all who fear, you are  
As we grow may we know waves of  
mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,  
not a lone. Come and see,  
hope sur - round. As we live

**to Refrain**

from the start, light for all to see.  
be set free, rest here in your home.  
may we give love that has no bounds.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: God of abundance, the land we walk on is holy ground.

Send forth your grace to help us heal the wounds of this world.

Open up the soil of our hearts to your word of life.

May we be strengthened by this time together and grow into who you are creating us to be.

**MANY: AMEN**

# OPENING SONG

*Come and See*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson

verse 1 and 2

Refrain

Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;  
 thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a  
 mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion!

Verse

The song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a ba - by's first bond with her  
 Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The dis - tance you see is a -  
 moth - er; first flow - ers of spring a - rise and sing. The  
 maz - ing. The light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -  
 world is filled with won - der!  
 fore you see it star - gaz - ing.

to Refrain

## CONFESSION

ONE: Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the creation upon which we all depend is suffering. The immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken by our hands. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*silence for reflection*

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life giving resources upon which we all depend.

As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we take the wealth of the world into our own houses and leave your children in need. God of all life,

**MANY: we confess our part in a broken world.**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ONE: As surely as the rain comes forth to water the earth, God's mercy comes to us as a gift, abundant and freely given. The same God who created the cosmos and raised Jesus from death to life brings healing and forgiveness to the world today. You are loved, you are restored. In Christ, you are forgiven.

**MANY: Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF PRAISE

*Praise to You*

Hans Peterson &amp; Larry Olson

## verse 1

**Refrain**

Praise to you, O Great Cre - a - tor, Ma - ker of the land and sky.

Praise to you, O Liv - ing Wat - er, hope and breath of ev' - ry life.

**Verse**

We are lost and we are long-ing, wand'-ring in the wild - er - ness,  
Hear the cries of all cre - a - tion, how the tears like ri - vers flow  
May we live your way of jus-tice, may we walk your way of peace.

**to Refrain**

search - ing for your hol - y pres-ence and the rea - son we ex - ist.  
for your touch of grace and heal - ing and the love that leads us home.  
May we see your sac - red vi - sion, may we know your sweet re - lease.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

ONE: Let us pray. The eyes of all look to you, O God. Turn our hearts and minds to your open hand that provides for every living thing, so that we may know your generosity and participate in the healing and restoration of all that you have made, in Jesus' name we pray.

**MANY: AMEN**

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 15:1-11

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." <sup>2</sup>And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. <sup>3</sup>So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the believers. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. <sup>5</sup>But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, "It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses."

<sup>6</sup>The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup>After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, "My brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the Gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. <sup>8</sup>And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us; <sup>9</sup>and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. <sup>10</sup>Now therefore why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? <sup>11</sup>On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will."

ONE: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **MANY: Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF THE DAY

*Your Love is Everlasting*

Hans Peterson & Larry Olson



Since time be - gan, through cent - ur - ies God's  
A moth - ers womb, a brand new life God's  
Signs of hope, a voice of peace God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. To dis - tant un - known  
love is ev - er - last - ing. An emp - ty tomb, the  
love is ev - er - last - ing. The pro - phet's cry for



gal - ax - ies God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
ri - sen Christ God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
war to cease God's love is ev - er - last - ing. For the



Splen - dor springs forth 'cross the land God's  
Weep - ing may last and for the night God's  
down and out and high and proud God's



love is ev - er - last - ing. A - bun - dance, shar - ing  
love is ev - er - last - ing. But joy breaks forth with  
love is ev - er - last - ing. Come all you peo - ple



hand in hand God's love is ev - er - last - ing. Your  
morn - ing light God's love is ev - er - last - ing.  
shout out loud God's love is ev - er - last - ing.



love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing. Your



love (your love) is last - ing, your love is ev - er - last - ing.

## APOSTLES' CREED

ONE: With the whole church, let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**MANY:**       **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
                  creator of heaven and earth.**  
              **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
                  who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
                  born of the virgin Mary,  
                  suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
                  was crucified, died, and was buried;  
                  he descended to the dead.**  
              **On the third day Christ rose again;  
                  he ascended into heaven,  
                  he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
                  and will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
              **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
                  the holy catholic church,  
                  the communion of saints,  
                  the forgiveness of sins,  
                  the resurrection of the body,  
                  and the life everlasting. AMEN**

## PRAYERS

ONE: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

*silence*

ONE: Jesus, healer, continue to aid your people amidst pandemic. Speed the spread of vaccines and slow the spread of the virus. Heal those who are sick, protect frontline workers and aid those who are suffering economically. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of vocation, people all around the globe are giving of themselves on behalf of this world. Strengthen in them the sense of meaning and purpose that comes as we live out our faith in our daily lives. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: God of the Universe, your Creation sings songs of praise! Help us to notice miracles big and small, wonder in faith and science together, and understand our roles in this complex world. Inspire our joy to nurture God's creation: water, air, land and living things. Lord in your mercy,

**MANY: hear our prayer.**

ONE: Holy Spirit, you work among us in ways we do not understand. We name before you, aloud and in our hearts, those we know who are in need of your healing and comfort ...

ONE: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**MANY: AMEN**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you always.

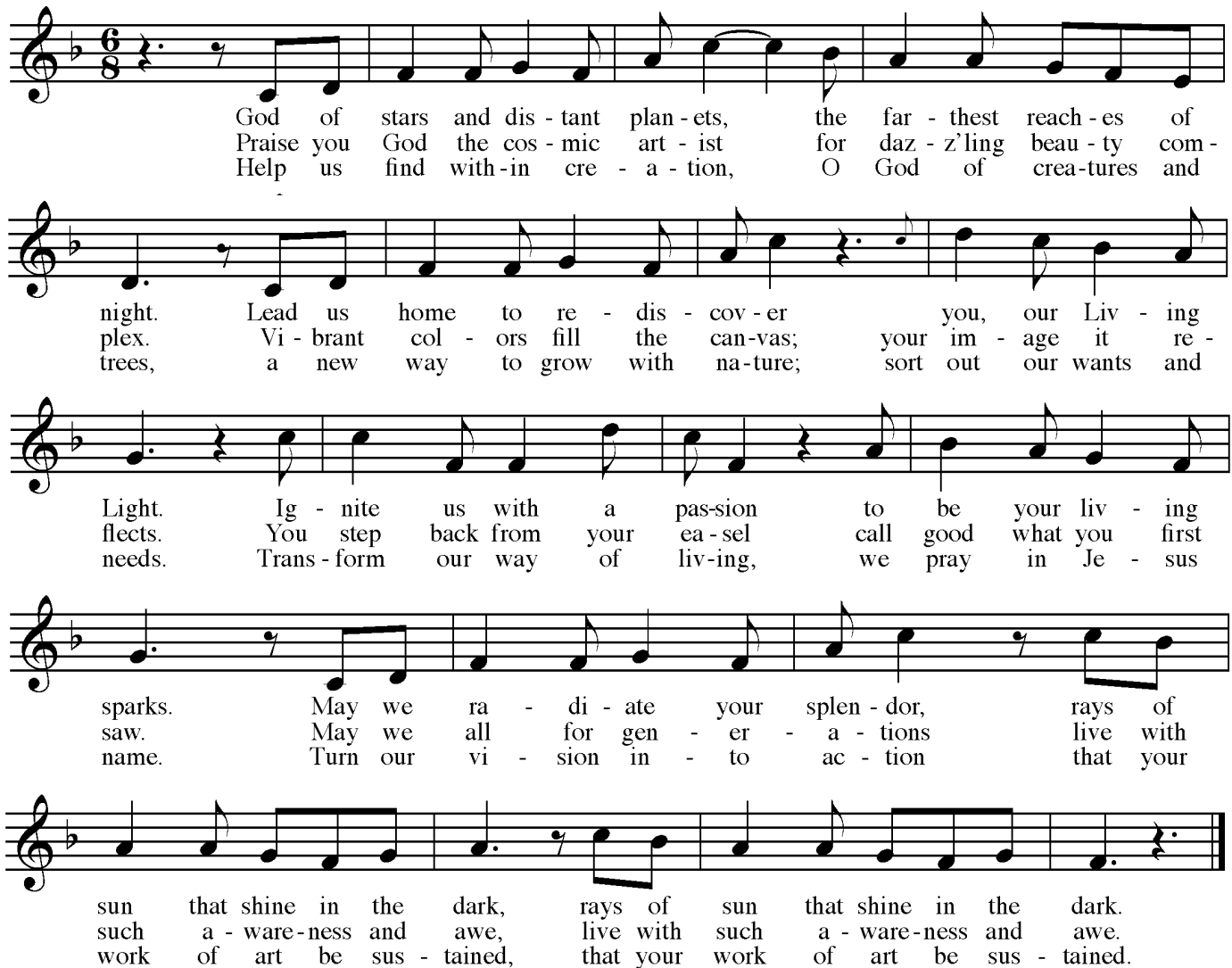
**MANY: And also with you.**

ONE: Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

## OFFERING

*God of Stars and Distant Planets*

Hans Peterson and Larry Olson



God of stars and dis - tant plan - ets, the far - thest reach - es of  
Praise you God the cos - mic art - ist for daz - z'ling beau - ty com -  
Help us find with - in cre - a - tion, O God of crea - tures and

night. Lead us home to re - dis - cov - er you, our Liv - ing  
plex. Vi - brant col - ors fill the can - vas; your im - age it re -  
trees, a new way to grow with na - ture; sort out our wants and

Light. Ig - nite us with a pas - sion to be your liv - ing  
fleets. You step back from your ea - sel call good what you first  
needs. Trans - form our way of liv - ing, we pray in Je - sus

sparks. May we ra - di - ate your splen - dor, rays of  
saw. May we all for gen - er - a - tions live with  
name. Turn our vi - sion in - to ac - tion that your

sun that shine in the dark, rays of sun that shine in the dark.  
such a - ware - ness and awe, live with such a - ware - ness and awe.  
work of art be sus - tained, that your work of art be sus - tained.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

ONE: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us,

**MANY: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. AMEN**

## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

# HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

*Healer*

Larry Olson

**Refrain**

Heal - er, heal - er, come and  
heal this world. Heal - er,  
heal - er, come and heal this world.

**Verse**

May we all of - fer up our hands. May we  
May we all lay our weap-ons down. May we  
May we all of - fer up our hands. May we  
all, all, all to - geth - er stand.  
all find our com - mon ground.  
all to - geth - er stand.

to Refrain

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### +BENEDICTION

ONE: Let us pray together the Prayer of Good Courage.

**MANY: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.**

**Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**AMEN**



vs. 1 Filled — with the Ho - ly — Spir - it  
 vs. 1 *Lleno del Es - pi - ri - tu — San - to*  
 vs. 2 Of - fer - ing a hand — to a stran - ger  
 vs. 3 Wa - ters of mer - cy have found us  
 vs. 4 Cross-ing ev' - ry bound'-ry, ev' - ry na - tion

go now with God,  
*va-mos con Dios,*



go now with God. In - to the world — as a serv - ant  
*va - mos con Dios. En-tran - do al mun - do pa - ra ser - vir*  
 Trust-ing in the ris - en — sav - ior  
 Grace — on the jour - ney sur - rounds us  
 Danc-ing in the gift of lib - er - a - tion



go now with God,  
*va - mos con Dios,*

go now with God.  
*va - mos con Dios.*

Go — now,  
*Va - mos,*



go — now,  
*va - - - mos,*

go — now with God.  
*va - mos con Dios.*



Go — now,  
*Va - mos,*

go — now,  
*va - mos,*

go — now with God.  
*va - mos con Dios.*

## DISMISSAL

ONE: Go in Peace, serve the Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

Go Now with God

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